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SUBJECT: MINISTERIAL: REVIEW OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN OECD MEMBERS AND LDCS

REFS: A) OECD PARIS 13119; B) OECD PARIS 12959

1. TEXT OF SECOND REVISION OF DRAFT COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON REVIEW OF NORTH-SOUTH ECONOMIC RELATIONS, TABLED BY SECRETARIAT MAY 23 TO REPLACE FIRST REVISION REPORTED REF A, IS TRANSMITTED BELOW. AT MAY 23 HEADS OF DEL MEETING VIRTUALLY ALL DELS SUPPORTED THIS TEXT WITH ONLY UK, JAPAN, SWEDEN AND FRANCE POSING OBJECTIONS. UK ARGUED STRONGLY FOR ESTABLISHING NEW COMMITTEE REPORTING DIRECTLY TO COUNCIL, AND FOR INCLUDING REFERENCE IN MANDATE TO LDC SHOPPING LIST FOR UN 7TH SPECIAL SESSION WHICH UK WANTS NEW BODY TO FOCUS ON. GALLAGHER SAID ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW COMMITTEE NECESSARY TO GIVE PUBLIC IMPRESSION THAT MINISTERS WILLING TO

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GIVE TEETH TO LDC DECLARATION.

2. JAPAN AND FRANCE OPPOSED CREATION OF NEW GROUP AND DESIRED TO HAVE REVIEW CARRIED OUT BY XCSS ITSELF. SWEDEN HELD TO PREVIOUS POSITION THAT IT WAS PREMATURE FOR OECD TO TAKE ON BROAD REVIEW OF POLICY TOWARD LDCS WITHOUT SECRETARIAT STUDY TO IDENTIFY ISSUES WHERE OECD WOULD PROVIDE APPROPRIATE FRAMEWORK. DUTCH SWITCHED POSITION FROM OPPOSITION TO REVIEW TO SUPPORT FOR UK CONCEPT. MOST OTHER DELS OPPOSED INCLUSION OF G-77 LIST IN MANDATE WHILE SUPPORTING ROLE FOR XCSS. AUSTRALIAN DEL CRITICIZED TENDENCY TO RIGIDIFY XCSS BY CONSIDERING IT A PRESERVE FOR PARTICULAR OFFICIALS AND URGED MEMBERS TO ADAPT XCSS REPRESENTATION ACCORDING TO TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED.

3. US DEL REPEATED HIS VIEW THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF NORTH-SOUTH POLICY REVIEW WAS ESSENTIAL COROLLARY TO LDC DECLARATION AND LOGICAL COMPLEMENT TO HIGH LEVEL GROUP ON COMMODITIES. HE URGED HEADS OF DELS TO PREPARE A COMPLETE PACKAGE FOR DECISION BY COUNCIL DURING MINISTERIAL MEETING. US DEL SAID US VERY FLEXIBLE ON EXACT MECHANISM FOR IMPLEMENTING REVIEW, BUT SUGGESTED THAT PERMANENT NEW COMMITTEE INAPPROPRIATE FOR THE KIND OF ONE TIME HORIZONTAL EFFORT ENVISIONED. HE URGED OTHER DELS NOT TO PREJUDGE AGENDA FOR REVIEW AND NOTED THAT G-77 SHOPPING LIST WOULD IN ANY CASE BE TAKEN UP BY DAC IN NEAR FUTURE.

4. AFTER CHAIRMAN HAD ASKED ALL DELS WHO HADN'T ALREADY SPOKEN TO GIVE VIEWS AND FOUND OVERWHELMING CONSENSUS IN FAVOR OF SECOND REVISION TEXT, UK PROPOSED THREE AMENDMENTS TO THIS VERSION. IN FIRST PARA UK WOULD PUT IN REFERENCE TO G-77 LIST AND INDICATE THAT REVIEW WOULD CONSIDER THESE TOPICS AMONG OTHERS. IN PARA 2 IT WOULD CHANGE THE AD HOC GROUP TO AN AD HOC COMMITTEE AND HAVE IT UNDERTAKE TASK IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER RELEVANT BODIES. IN PARA 3 UK WOULD HAVE

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THE COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE COUNCIL THRU THE XCSS.

6. HEADS OF DELS AGREED REPORT RESULTS OF MEETING TO THEIR AUTHORITIES AND RECONSIDER DRAFT RESOLUTION AT MEETING BEGINNING 3:30 P.M. MAY 24.

BEGIN TEXT:

THE COUNCIL

HAVING REGARD TO THE PROPOSALS OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL (C(75)70 FINAL) AND TO THE DISCUSSIONS OF THE COUNCIL THEREON;

DECIDES:

1. THE OECD WILL CARRY OUT A REVIEW OF THE ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN MEMBER COUNTRIES AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITH A VIEW TO IDENTIFYING WHAT NEW AND CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACHES COULD BE ADOPTED ON SELECTED SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES, AND TO GIVE SUPPORT AND NEW IMPETUS TO NEGOTIATED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TIONS IN OTHER BODIES WORKING ON SPECIFIC PROBLEMS.

2. TO THIS END, AN AD HOC GROUP IS ESTABLISHED, UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN SPECIAL SESSION, UNDERTAKE THIS TASK WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF OTHER RELEVANT BODIES OF THE ORGANIZATION.

3. THE AD HOC GROUP WILL NORMALLY REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN SPECIAL SESSION. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN SPECIAL SESSION SHALL SUBMIT A PRELIMINARY

PROGRESS REPORT TO THE COUNCIL BEFORE THE END OF JULY

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